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REF BERLIN'S 319 TO DEPT; DEPTTEL 431 BONN, INFO BERLIN 177.

THERE FOLLOWS TEXT LETTER TO PERVUKHIN AGREED HERE BY BRITISH AND FRENCH THIS MORNING WHICH INCLUDES CERTAIN MINOR CHANGES AND ADDS PHRASES SUGGESTED BY AMB DOWLING IN BERLIN'S NIACT 319 TO DEPT:

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

I SHOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THE RECENT MEASURES TAKEN BY THE EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES, RELATED TO TRAVEL FROM WEST TO EAST BERLIN. IN ADDITION TO PURPORTING TO LIMIT EVEN MORE SEVERELY THE CROSSING POINTS FOR RESIDENTS OF WEST BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THESE MEASURES WOULD LIMIT FOREIGNERS, DIPLOMATS, AND CIVILIAN OR MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED FORCES TO A SINGLE CROSSING POINT. THE REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES ALSO WARN ALL PERSONS TO REMAIN 100 METERS AWAY FROM THE SECTOR BOUNDARY.

THESE FLAGRANTLY ILLEGAL MEASURES HAVE AS THEIR PURPOSE FURTHER

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SEALING OFF OF EAST BERLIN AND EAST GERMANY FROM THE FREE WORLD. THEY ARE IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF QUADRIPARTITE STATUS OF BERLIN.

I SHOULD IN PARTICULAR LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNRESTRICTED ACCESS BY ALLIED FORCES TO EAST BERLIN. IN ALLOWING THE EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES TO ATTEMPT TO LIMIT THEM TO ONE CROSSING POINT, YOU HAVE CONDONED AN ACTION WHICH VIOLATES A SOLEMN AGREEMENT TO WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT WAS SIGNATORY.

I SOLEMNLY PROTEST AGAINST THE MEASURES DESCRIBED ABOVE AND INSIST THAT YOU TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO INSURE CONTINUED UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO EAST BERLIN WITHOUT HINDRANCE AS TO PLACE OR TIME. I ALSO URGE YOU WITH THE UTMOST SERIOUSNESS TO WARN THE EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES OF THE DANGERS OF THEIR PRETENSION TO PROHIBIT MOVEMENT WITHIN 100 METERS OF THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE SECTOR BOUNDARY. ANY ATTEMPT TO ENFORCE THIS ILLEGAL PROHIBITION COULD ONLY HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

WALTER C. DOWLING.

END QUOTE.

AGREED DELIVERY SHOULD BE COORDINATED BY THREE MISSIONS IN BERLIN. EMBASSIES SHOULD BE INFORMED OF COORDINATED DELIVERY TIME BY PHONE (HEMSING TO HACKET). AGREED RELEASE HERE WILL BE ONE HOUR AFTER DELIVERY TIME.

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